further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to:

communicate data via the link to the offload network instead of causing communication with a network entity in the primary network.

57. A method comprising:

accepting a primary network connection from one or more devices;

causing transmission of configuration information to the one or more devices, wherein the configuration information comprises one or more criteria for connecting to a secondary network;

providing for communication of data with a plurality of the one or more devices, wherein the data originates or terminates with one of the one or more devices, and wherein the plurality of the one or more devices are connected to the secondary network.

58. The method of claim 57, wherein causing transmission of configuration information further comprises:

receiving status information from the one or more devices; and

causing transmission of one or more real time commands to the one or more devices based at least in part on the status information.

59. The method of claim 58, wherein the one or more real time commands comprise at least one of a command to connect to an existing secondary network and a command to form a new secondary network.

60. An apparatus comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory comprising computer program code, the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus at least to:

accept a primary network connection from one or more devices;

cause transmission of configuration information to the one or more devices, wherein the configuration information comprises one or more criteria for connecting to a secondary network;

provide for communication of data with a plurality of the one or more devices, wherein the data originates or terminates with one of the one or more devices, and wherein the plurality of the one or more devices are connected to the secondary network.

61. The apparatus of claim 60, wherein in order to cause transmission of configuration information, the at least one memory and the computer program code are further configured to, with the at least one processor, cause the apparatus to:

receive status information from the one or more devices; and

cause transmission of one or more real time commands to the one or more devices based at least in part on the status information.

62. The apparatus of claim 61, wherein the one or more real time commands comprise at least one of a command to connect to an existing secondary network and a command to form a new secondary network.

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